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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE: PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

1. USUN IS POUCHING THE ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE
(SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26 - JULY 5) TO DAVID MACUK, IO/UNP.
UN DOCUMENT NUMBER IS A/AC.105/L.103, 3 MAY 1978.

2. USUN EXPECTS THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS TO ATTRACT
PARTICULAR ATTENTION AT THE JUNE-JULY SESSION:

- A. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR
POWER SOURCES IN OUTER SPACE. MOST MEMBERS WILL
LIKELY CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION IN
THE WAKE OF THE COSMOS 954 INCIDENT. WE DO NOT KNOW
WHETHER THE USSR WILL CONTINUE TO STONEWALL MOVES TO
SET UP A WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS OR TO HAVE THE LEGAL
SUB-COMMITTEE CONSIDER ACTION -- SUCH AS CALLING FOR A
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MORATORIUM ON THE LAUNCHING OF SATELLITES POWERED BY
NUCLEAR REACTORS -- ON THE ISSUE.

- B. MOON TREATY. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THE
COMMITTEE MIGHT CONSTITUTE A WORKING GROUP TO FINISH
THE MOON TREATY. THIS WOULD DEPEND UPON THE WILLINGNESS
OF INDIA AND LIKE-MINDED LDC'S TO FOREGO A PRE-REGIME

COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION MORATORIUM. NEW DELHI'S POSITION IS UNKNOWN.

- C. GUIDELINES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCAST BY SATELLITE. THE GREAT MAJORITY, INCLUDING ALL OECD COUNTRIES EXCEPT THE FRG AND JAPAN, WILL CONTINUE TO ESPOUSE THE "AGREEMENT AND/OR ARRANGEMENTS" FORMULA BETWEEN POTENTIAL BROADCASTERS AND RECIPIENTS, WITH EXTREMISTS ARGUING FOR AN EXPLICIT REQUIREMENT OF "PRIOR CONSENT." THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISOLATED.

- D. QUESTION OF CONVENING A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE. THERE WILL BE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE AND IN CORRIDOR CONTACTS COVERING THE ORGANIZATION, PREPARATORY WORK ASSIGNMENTS AND AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE. WE WOULD INTEND TO CONTINUE TO SEEK TO EXCLUDE POLITICAL ITEMS FROM THE PROPOSED AGENDA.

- E. PARTICIPATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBER STATES IN THE COMMITTEE. RATHER THAN WITNESS FURTHER INCREASE IN THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP BEYOND ITS PRESENT 47, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE DISCUSSION OF SUCH ALTERNATIVES AS A ROTATION OF MEMBERS ON A GEOGRAPHIC BASIS. THE PROBLEM MAY BE TO OVERCOME THE INERTIA OF STATUS QUO PARTICIPANTS.
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- F. DISCUSSION AT THE SESSION OF SUCH ITEMS AS REMOTE SENSING, DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE, AND GEOSTATIONARY ORBITS IS LIKELY TO BE EPISODIC. YOUNG

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